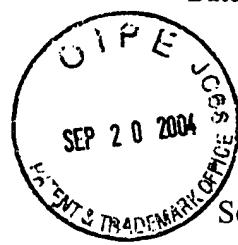


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Applicants: Zhong, et al.
Serial Number: 10/659,004 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date: September 9, 2004 ART UNIT: 1645
For: THERAPEUTIC POLYPEPTIDES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME AND METHODS OF USE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the May 19, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, September 20, 2004 (September 19, 2004 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-608 (Cura 908). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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